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Subject comments on Management Plan draft

Aloha,

I am pleased to provide the following comments to the proposed Management Plan for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary.

Place: Ha'ena Bay

Issue: Dolphins use this site for rest in the daylight hours

Concern: Commercial and recreational kayak activity occurs in Ha'ena Bay and may disturb the rest of dolphins thus reducing their hunting and feeding ability

Suggestion: Commercial kayaks be informed about the need to avoid interaction with the dolphins in this location, this may be added to their SMA permits issued by Kauai County. Educational signage be provided in the adjacent Ha'ena Beach County park to provide information to commercial and recreational users of the area.

Ha'ena Makai Watch program and volunteers be provided with educational and outreach information about the dolphins and be encouraged to provide observation.

Place: Hanalei Bay

Issue: Various species of whales have utilized Hanalei Bay as a place of refuge.

Concern: Commercial and recreational activities occur daily in Hanalei Bay and interaction with protected, stressed or resting animals may occur.

Suggestion: Commercial permits holders be informed about the potential disturbance of protected, stressed or resting animals.

Educational signage be provided in the adjacent Waioli County Park, Hanalei Pavilion County Park and Blackpot County Park to provide information to recreational users of the Hanalei Bay. Hanalei Makai Watch program and volunteers be provided with educational and outreach information about the dolphins and be encouraged to provide observation.

The Hanalei Watershed Hui is very interested in partnering with the Sanctuary and is the Makai Watch coordinator for Hanalei.

We look forward to working together to support the Sanctuary's efforts to protect the animals within its jurisdiction.

Me ka pono,  
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*The Hanalei Watershed Hui mission is to support and protect the ecology, cultures and sustainable economies of Hanalei.*